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PROMOTION OF MUGA AND ERI SILK INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has launched a programme for promotion and development of muga and eri silk industry in Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme, indicating the Central share, the objective and targets fixed thereunder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Central Silk Board in collaboration with the UNDP has launched a sub-programme of development of non-mulberry silk i.e. tasar, muga and eri in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh underFibre and Handicrats Programme (FHAP) ofUNDP Country Co-operation Frame-work-I for a period of three years commencing from 1999-2000. The total outlay of the programme is Rs. 11.99 crores (UNDP share Rs. 800.08lakhs + GOI share Rs. 398.2 lakhs).The objectives of the sub-programmes include generation of employment, reduction in poverty and improvement to the quality of life, in particular, in the rural areas. The sub-programme seeks to increase production of the quality eggs production and their distribution, impart training to farmers particularly women for skill up-gradation, technological support in pre and post cocoons processes including reeling, spinning and processing of silk, and to provide replicable model of entrepreneur-ship, design upgradation, marketing and HRD.

The targets of the sub-programme are production of 49,000 kilos of tasar raw silk, 24000 kilos of tasar spun silk, 19,000 kilos of muga raw silk, 15,000 kilos of spun silk and 425,800 kilos of eri spun silk.